

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS  
LICENSES AND CONSUMER SERVICES  
350 SOUTH 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ROOM 1-C, CITY HALL  
MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55415

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

In the Matter of License No. L027-50120  
INTERMACO for MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR GARAGE

Held by:

**INTERMACO INC**  
**ATTN: RAUL SACTA**  
**2943 PARK AVE S**  
**MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55407**

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08-0665354

This matter came before a License Settlement conference on Friday, October 31, 2008. Appearing for the City were License Division Manager Grant Wilson, Lead Inspector Julie Casey and Zoning Inspector Steve Weckman. Appearing for Intermaco, Inc. were Raul Sacta and attorney, Mark Anderson. Based on the information presented at the conference the License Division makes the following findings of fact.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On December 11, 2006, Zoning Inspector Steve Weckman sent an order to Intermaco, Inc. that no permits were obtained for exterior signage on the building.
2. On January 16, 2007, a warning letter was sent to Intermaco, Inc. for failure to comply with the previous order to obtain permits for the exterior signage.
3. On March 1, 2007, an administrative citation, in the amount of \$200, was sent to Intermaco, Inc for failure to obtain permits for the exterior signage. This citation remains unpaid.
4. On April 25, 2007, a second administrative citation, in the amount of \$400, was issued to Intermaco, Inc. for failure to obtain permits for the exterior signage. This citation remains unpaid.

5. On July 5, 2007, a third citation, in the amount of \$800, was issued to Intermaco, Inc. for failure to obtain permits for the exterior signage. This citation remains unpaid.
6. On September 28, 2008, Inspector Weckman reinspected the Intermaco, Inc site to check on compliance for the permit and signage orders. Inspector Weckman noted that new signage had been painted on the Intermaco building without permits. Inspector Weckman issued new orders to comply with the previous orders and obtain permits for the new signage installed.
7. On February 11, 2008, Inspector Weckman sent a final warning letter to obtain all necessary permits on all exterior signage.
8. On May 12, 2008, a fourth citation, in the amount of \$1600, was issued to Intermaco, Inc. for failure to obtain permits for the exterior signage. This citation remains unpaid.
9. On June 18, 2008, a fifth citation, in the amount of \$1600, was issued to Intermaco, Inc. for failure to obtain permits for the exterior signage. This citation remains unpaid.
10. On July 14, 2008, a sixth citation, in the amount of \$2000, was issued to Intermaco, Inc. for failure to obtain permits for the exterior signage. This citation remains unpaid.
11. Zoning Inspector Weckman forwarded the above information to the License Division to consider adverse license action for failure to comply with Zoning ordinances and nonpayment of administrative citations. Inspector Casey sent a violation notice to Intermaco, Inc for failure to comply with Zoning ordinances and nonpayment of administrative citations. Mr. Sacta responded to Inspector Casey's notice. He said he did not understand the orders he was given. Inspector Casey referred Mr. Sacta back to Inspector Weckman and reminded Mr. Sacta that his sign contractor was responsible for the sign permits and that he should contact them for compliance. In this discussion, it was discovered that the first sign contractor was unlicensed in Minneapolis and could not obtain the permits for the signs installed. Mr. Sacta was informed he needed to hire a licensed sign contractor to obtain the permits.
12. On the day of the conference, Zoning had received an application for the sign permits but it was incomplete so the permits were not issued. Inspector Weckman went through the signage on the building and agreed which signs were to be removed and which could still remain on the building under the permit.

## **CONCLUSIONS**

1. Intermaco, Inc. failed to comply with Minneapolis Zoning Code 543.30 by failing to Obtain the required permits for exterior signage resulting in six administrative citations.
2. Intermaco, Inc. failed to pay the administrative citations in violation of Minneapolis Code of Ordinance 259.15.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Intermaco, Inc will remove the "Auto Care Center" and "Motor Craft" signs by November 10, 2008.
  2. Intermaco, Inc will paint over the old signs to match the building color by November 10, 2008.
  3. Intermaco, Inc. will submit fees for the new sign permit and install them by November 10, 2008.
  4. The Zoning department agreed to reduce the amount of the administrative citations from \$7260 to \$2750. Intermaco, Inc. agrees to pay these citations to the Zoning Office by November 10, 2008.
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Raul Sacta understands that the holding of a business or liquor license in the City of Minneapolis is both a privilege and a responsibility, and, as such, it is understood that there is a minimum standard that shall be met in order to hold such a license. Furthermore, it is understood that a license holder is responsible to ensure that its business operates in compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations. As such, it is understood and agreed that any violation of the above Recommendations shall constitute just and proper cause for the immediate imposition of any agreed upon or stayed penalties. It is further understood that compliance with the above Recommendations is a requirement for continuing to hold a license and that failure to comply with any of these conditions may result in additional adverse license action.

I have read and understand the above findings of fact, conclusions, and recommendations. I agree with their contents and I agree with the above noted Recommendations. I understand that the failure of my business to adhere to this agreement may be cause for further suspension, revocation, or denial of my license. I understand that this report must be accepted and approved by the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor.

Based upon the foregoing, this agreement is FREELY & VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO IN GOOD FAITH:

Business

RAUL SACTA  
By: [Signature]  
(signature)

Its: PRESIDENT  
(title)

Dated: 11, 12, 2008

For the City of Minneapolis:

[Signature]  
Ricardo Cervantes  
Deputy Director of Licenses

Dated: Nov 18, 2008